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CRITICISM OF HUNGARIAN PRODUCTION PLEDGES AS DECEPTIVE

The pledges recently signed by the officials and the party secretary of the Csepel Autogyar (Csepel Auto Plant) and published in the plant's newspapers are largely a deception, according to Szabad Nep. The paper adds that most of the 18 points made in the pledge involve improvements which are obligatory and already prescribed by the plant's plan.

In reviewing the situation, <u>Stabad Nep</u> found that, although the party secretary and the head of the Shop Committee had had misgivings about the new pleages, they had yielded to pressure from the engineers and signed them.

The paper notes that the attitude of the management is reflected in the words of Erno Boka, Assistant Chief of the Planning Division, who is quoted as having se.d., "There are two possibilities; this plant can draw up a plan which does not exhaust all its potentials, and then pledge to exceed it, or else a plan that is completely exhaustive can be drawn up in which case we can only pledge to fulfill this plan."

Szabad Nor feels that this is a defeatist attitude which fails to take it so consideration the initiative and inventiveness of the workers, who can niways be spurred to greater achievement by well-organized competition and patriotism.

Another article in the same paper claims that the officials of the Aprilis 4 Gepgyar (4 April Machine Factory) submitted a pledge in the name of the workers without the knowledge of the workers themselves.

Szabad Nep claims that 35 workers, including shop foremen, technicians, and Stakhanovites, knew nothing about the new pledges. The paper adds that this is no isolated case at this plant.

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